



Gary A Hughes

August 30, 1937 - February 13, 2016

Gary Allen Hughes, 78, of Bybee, Tennessee passed away at home on Saturday, February, 13, 2016 after an extended illness. Born in Laurens, South Carolina, on the August 30, 1937, to Henry and Dovie (née Norwood) Hughes, Gary was surrendered as a toddler to Connie Maxwell's Children's Home in 1939, where he lived until early adolescence. After leaving the orphanage in 1949, Gary found his way to Newport, Tennessee where he was unofficially adopted by his maternal uncle and aunt, John Rueben, Jr. and Desmon Norwood of Bat Harbor.

Gary, also known as "Pinky" in his younger days, is predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Margaret Rhea Hensley, whom he married on July 23, 1967. Together they provided a nurturing home where hard work and integrity were emphasized and modeled for their children. Gary supported his daughter and son in all of their interests and educational pursuits, which led to his serving as Boy Scout leader, baseball coach, sports umpire, and volunteer bus driver. He also served as a trustee at Bruner's Grove United Methodist Church and was a generous benefactor for several local charities and organizations. Gary is also predeceased by his brother, Franklin Delano Hughes; his sister, Jean Hughes; and brother, Dennis Norwood. Left to mourn his passing include his son, Allen Hughes of Bybee; daughter, Dr. Lucinda "Cindy" (Rick) Vassar of Newport; sole grandchild, James Dylan Walker of Morristown; brother, Michael Norwood of Newport; and sister Pat Norwood Purkey of Newport; special niece and nephew, Lisa and John Rice of Bybee; and many other

beloved in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gary, a veteran of the U.S. Army, served as a team leader and shift supervisor on the management team at the Memphis division of Sonoco, a Fortune 500 corporation, and retired after 32 years of faithful and dedicated service. Prior to Sonoco, he worked for Boise Cascade and Rockford Can Company. Upon retirement, Gary and his wife Margaret returned to Cocke County and made their home in the Bybee area.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Grooms Cemetery in Hartford. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the charity or church of your choice.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary A Hughes

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



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D C & WILMA RAMSEY - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cindy, We're so sorry for your loss. I know your love and goodness for him will never be forgotten. Love, prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Connie & Marsha Ball - March 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Bible tells us that weeping endures for the night, but joy comes in the morning. God will comfort you. Love, Carl and Faye*

Carl and Faye Brickley - March 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pinky I will see you again. And I know we will all be together happy as one big family. Will always love you. You were always so good to us.*

Patricia Norwood Purkey - March 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ So sorry for your entire family's loss. May your transition into life without your Earthly male father be strengthened by leaning on your Heavenly Father. Much love.

Kelly Dodson Cook - March 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Cindy, this is such a loving tribute to your father. I know that you dearly miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Gail Burchette - March 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ So sorry for the loss of your Dad and my Cousin. Know that he and you are in our prayers. God Bless.

Steve Norwood - March 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

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Jordan and Noelle Douglas - March 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Cherish those wonderful, precious memories of your Dad. You were fortunate to have him. We missed his presence in church once he was unable to come. We will deeply miss him.....miss his laughter and his smile. Missed

Wayne, Teresa, Sierra, Brandon, Kasey, and Kenna - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Gary A Hughes

Jack and Cheryl Presnell - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WO

“ Sorry for your loss..keeping y'all in our prayers.

Wendy & Jerod Ottinger - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. In the bible we find hope and comfort.
Ps. 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength. A help readily to be found
in time of distress."

Helen McLendon - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ At a time when words are hard to find...just want you to know you're
in our thoughts & Prayers. Blessed be God...the God of all comfort.
II Cor 1:3 With Deepest Sympathy, Jabo & Tammy Francis

Tammy Francis - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RO

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RICHARD OWENS - February 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM